

SETTING UP CAMP

SAFETY

Walk the site before you pitch. Two minutes now beats a bad night, or worse.

1 LOOK UP, BEFORE YOU UNPACK

- ☐ No large gum limbs overhead
healthy-looking ones drop without warning
- ☐ No dead trees within falling distance
- ☐ Extra caution in heat, wind and rain
that is when limbs come down

2 LOOK DOWN, READ THE GROUND

- ☐ Not in a creek bed, gully or drain
dry beds flood from rain hours upstream
- ☐ Above old flood debris lines
- ☐ Not the lowest point of the campground
cold air and water both settle there
- ☐ Flat, firm ground, heads uphill
- ☐ Check for ant nests before pegging

3 LOOK AROUND

- ☐ Note wind direction, door away from it
- ☐ Not downwind of fire pits or toilets
- ☐ Morning shade beats afternoon shade
a west-facing tent is an oven at 5 pm
- ☐ With kids: distance from water and roads
campground water is unfenced, supervise
- ☐ Know where help is, on arrival day
reception spots, ranger, nearest hospital

4 IF YOU ARE HAVING A FIRE

- ☐ No ban in force today, checked
bans are declared day by day
- ☐ Designated fireplace, area cleared
- ☐ Water on hand before lighting
- ☐ Never left unattended, ever
- ☐ Out means cold: drown, stir, drown
never bury a fire, ashes burn feet all night

BEFORE BED, EVERY NIGHT

Food and rubbish locked in the car or sealed tubs. Fire cold. Torches by the beds, shoes inside the tent.